

Sinclair Broadcasting's pronouncement to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a obvious example of the dangers of media consolidation. I am horrified by this news.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is compelled by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies have power over the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the outcome and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter here in New Orleans.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.